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***NYSGISA Comments***

***FCC Proceeding Number 11-109 ("LightSquared License Modification")***

The New York State Geographic Information Systems Association (NYSGISA) is concerned about the LightSquared LTE proposal and its effects on the Global Positioning System (GPS). Many of our members have significant investment in GPS -- both equipment and procedural dependencies.

New York State has invested heavily in GPS technologies -- from the Department of Transportation Spatial Reference Network (NYSNET) GPS base stations to the local governments that collect data vital to their operations. The LightSquared proposal, if approved, would negate these investments.

GPS is a national utility that should not be jeopardized. LightSquared must bear the cost of preventing interference emanating from their equipment. If there is no way to prevent this interference, they should not be permitted to operate.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the NYS GIS Association

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